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[SENATE FILE No. 245.—RAILROADS.]

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION 2, CHAPTER 77, ACTS OF THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. That section 2, chapter 77, acts of the Seventeenth General Assembly be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof :

SEC. 2. There shall be elected by the qualified electors of the State of Iowa at the general election in 1886, and at every general election every two years thereafter, three (3) persons who are qualified electors of the State of Iowa, who shall constitute a board of Railway Commissioners, and who shall hold their offices for two (2) years from the first Monday in January following each of said elections respectively. Said commissioners shall discharge the duties imposed by law upon Railway Commissioners now provided for by law or which may be provided for in any future statutes of the State.

SEC. 3. In all elections of Railway Commissioners each qualified voter may cast as many votes for one candidate as there are candidates to be elected at such election, or such voter may distribute his votes or equal parts thereof among the candidates as he shall see fit, and the candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected.

SEC. 4. In voting for such Railway Commissioners, if the voter intend to give more than one vote to any candidate, he shall express his intention on the face of the ballot cast by him in the following or substantially a similar form : " A. B., C. D., E. F.," which shall be held to mean one vote for each candidate thus named. Or " A. B. one and one-half votes," " C. D. one and one-half votes," or " A. B. three votes."

SEC. 5. In case any vacancy occurs in said board of Railway Commissioners, by death, resignation, removal from the State or otherwise, the Executive Council shall appoint a person to fill said vacancy for the remainder of the term and until a successor is elected and qualified.

SEC. 6. Any person owning any stock or other property of any railroad, or who is an employe, or who is in any manner pecuniarily interested in any railroad corporation, nor any member of the General Assembly, nor any State or federal officer shall be eligible to the office of Railway Commissioner.